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The Honorable Charles A. Wolverton  
Chairman  
Committee on Interstate & Foreign Commerce  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13 April 1954, requesting the comments of this Agency on H.R. 8799, a bill "To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the interception of communications by persons other than public officers and employees in the exercise of their official duties."

Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 provides that the Central Intelligence Agency "shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions". In view of the fact that this Agency has no law-enforcement powers or internal security functions under the statute, it would be inappropriate for us to comment upon this legislation.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

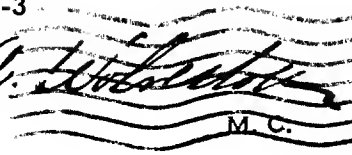
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